

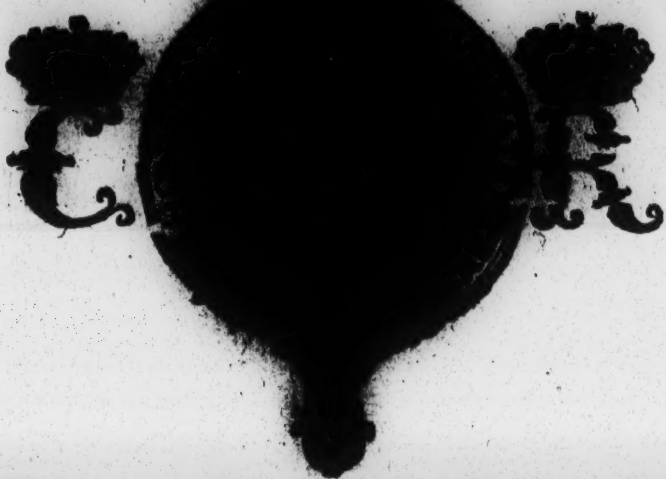
PROCLAMATION

Anent the Prices of ALE and drinking BEER.

Edinburgh, the eighteenth day of January, one thousand six hundred and sixty six.



Whereas as by the Laws of this Kingdom, and in all reason and equity, there ought to be a just proportion between the price of the boll of Bear, and the pynt and other measures of Ale and drinking Beer, brewed and sold within this Kingdom: And that the Magistrates of Burghs and Justices of Peace have been impowered, within their respective jurisdictions, for regulating the same, setting down the prices yearly, and punishing the transgressors. And seeing that the buying of Ale and Beer, as to the most part of the Subjects, is necessary, especially to Tradesmen, Workmen, and other persons of mean fortunes, who cannot brew their own drink in their own houses, and that it is the duty of the same; So that if the Brewers and Tappers have liberty to sell at what rate they please, it cannot but be a high oppression and grievance, which the Kings of this Kingdom, by Laws and Statutes, have endeavoured to prevent; and that the said Statutes, anent the prices of Ale and Beer and punishing the offenders, have these years past, been much neglected, by taking exorbitant prices for Ale and Beer, above the boll of Bear hath been sold at a very low rate. Therefore, the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council ordains, That when the price of the boll of best rough Bear is ten pounds Scots, of Linlithgow measure, that the pynt of best Ale and best drinking Beer shall be sold at twenty pence Scots; That when the price of the best rough Bear shall be eight pounds Scots the boll, the pynt of best Ale and best drinking Beer shall be sold at twenty pence Scots; And that when the price of the best rough Bear is at ten pounds Scots the boll, the price of best Ale and best drinking Beer be sold at two shillings Scots in time coming, with the price of the best rough Bear, and so in proportion to each of these prices, for the ordinary price of all London and London Ale and Beer, brewed, sold, bought, and used, within the County of Edinburgh, and also during the time contained in their Impositions, as is to them by the Kings Majesty granted. And it is hereby provided, That the price of Barley-beer is not hereby limited to the price of rough Bear, but to be rated above the price of the rough Bear, according to the true intrinsic value thereof, which nevertheless is not to alter the prices of the pynt of Ale and drinking Beer above-express: And in case the price of the rough Bear shall fall below six pounds, or arise above ten pounds Scots, that then the price of the Ale and drinking Beer shall rise and fall accordingly. And ordains these presents to be punctually observed by all Brewers and Tappers within this Kingdom; with certification if they fail, they shall be discharged brewing, tapping or retailing for a full year after their transgression, and further fined at the discretion of the Judge, and quality of their offence. And likewise, ordains the Sheriffs, Justices of Peace and Magistrates of Burghs, to put this Act in due execution within their respective bounds; with certification to them if they fail, they shall be fined and otherwise censured, according to the merit of their offence, by the said Lords of Council. And for the better discovery thereof, with power to the Sheriffs, Justices of Peace or other Magistrates, or any Director within the several Shires, to enquire after, and delate such Brewers and Tappers within Burgh, as shall transgress this present Act; and to give up their names to the Magistrates of the Burghs, and require them to put the certification above-written in execution against the offenders: As likewise, these within Burgh to enquire and delate those who shall transgress within the Shire to the Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, and other Magistrates in the Shire, and require them in like manner to proceed against the transgressors within their bounds; with certification to either of them, if they fail, they shall be punished and proceeded against before the said Lords of Privy Council. And farther, the said Lords of Council recommends to the Sheriffs or Justices of Peace, without and within Burgh, to appoint Tasters and Custers, to see that the Ale and drinking Beer be sufficient according to the prices: And discharges the selling of any Ale or drinking Beer at any dearer rates, than the rates above-said, under whatever colour or pretext of strength or any other allegation, either without or within Burgh, and that under the certifications and pains above-contained: And that these presents take effect, and be put in execution throughout the whole Kingdom in manner following; To wit, in all places lying upon the south side of Tay, upon the first day of February next; and in all places on the north side thereof, upon the ninth of the said moneth and thereafter. And ordains these presents to be printed, and published at the Mercat-crosses of the head Burghs of the Shires, that none pretend ignorance.



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